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Ex Parte

Re: Analysis of Price Cap Carrier Data Regarding Dates for Reaching Average Traffic Sensitive (ATS) Target Rates Using a 6.5 Percent X-Factor

CC Docket No. 96-262, CC Docket No. 94-1, CC Docket No. 99-249, CC Docket No. 96-45

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th H Street, SW, Portals
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 14, 2003 the Pricing Policy Division of the Wireline Competition bureau issued a report listing price cap companies that have achieved the Average Traffic Sensitive (ATS) Target Rates for the annual filings of 2000, 2001 and 2002. See *Analysis of Price Cap Carrier Data Regarding Dates for Reaching Average Traffic Sensitive (ATS) Target Rates using a 6.5 Percent X-Factor*, CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 94-1, 99-249, 96-45, March 14, 2003.

The report displays dates and approximate access line counts for the companies that have reached the ATS Target Rates; and lists the filing entities likely to achieve the ATS Target Rates in the 2003 filing. With this letter, Verizon is providing corrected information to the Pricing Policy Division regarding the Verizon East filings for 2000 and 2002. In addition, a corrected estimation of the 2003 annual access filings for four jurisdictions in Verizon West is also being provided.


For the calculation of the ATS Target Rate, the former NYNEX telephone companies are treated as a separate tariff entity. See *Section 61.45(b)(1)(ii)*. It appears that the access lines of the former NYNEX telephone companies were inadvertently combined with the former Bell Atlantic companies in the listing of price cap companies that have not yet reached the ATS Target Rates.

The former Bell Atlantic companies reached the ATS Target Rate on July 27, 2000, and the former NYNEX Telephone companies reached the ATS Target Rate on July 2, 2002.

The Verizon West jurisdictions of Arizona, Idaho, Hawaii and Micronesia are not expected to reach the ATS Target Rate in the 2003 annual access filings.

The attached worksheet provides additional details regarding these matters. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Bell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

cc: Jennifer McKee
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Verizon

Status of Selected Verizon Entities Regarding Average Traffic Sensitive (ATS) Target Rates

Companies not yet at the ATS Target	Likely to reach ATS in 2003 Annual Filing?	CAP-1	CAP-1
		Access Lines*	Divided by 12 Access Lines*
Verizon Arizona (COAL)	No	100,159	8,347
Verizon Hawaii (GTHI)	No	8,513,981	709,498
Verizon Idaho (GTID)	No	1,635,858	136,322
Verizon Micronesia (GTMC)	No	252,132	21,011
Note* Access Lines from 2002 Annual Filing			
Reached ATS in 2000 Annual Filing	Date ATS reached	CAP-1	CAP-1
		Access Lines	Divided by 12 Access Lines
Verizon East - South (BATR) (formerly known as Bell Atlantic) Transmittal No. 1316	7/27/2000	260,704,211	21,725,351 (BATR Access Lines from 2002 annual filing)
Reached ATS in 2002 Annual Filing	Date ATS reached	CAP-1	CAP-1
		Access Lines	Divided by 12 Access Lines
Verizon East - North (NXTR) (formerly known as NYNEX) Transmittal No. 206	7/2/2002	186,146,883	15,512,240 (NXTR Access Lines from 2002 Annual Filing)

NOTE: COSA names given above. Depending on the annual filing the name will change. For example, since Verizon East South reached the ATS in the 2000 filing the TRP name is technically BATRAN00. NYNEX reached in the 2002 filing so the TRP name should be NXTRAN02